What is claimed is:

1. A system for facilities management, including:

    a server;

    a client in communication with the server;

5   a database in communication with the server and with the client; and

    a personality module in communication with the server, with the client, and with a field device.

10   2. The system of claim 1, wherein the client includes a user interface designed to receive customization information from a user that determines system operation.

3. The system of claim 1, wherein the client includes a user interface, the

15   user interface designed to receive customization information from a user, the customization information including portals and system configuration information.

4. The system of claim 1, furthering including:

20   an enclosure;

    wherein the personality module is housed in the enclosure.

5. The system of claim 1, further including:

an enclosure;

a plurality of personality modules;

wherein the plurality of personality modules are housed in the

5 enclosure.

6. The system of claim 1, wherein the personality module is modular and

is selected from a plurality of personality module types, each type having

a distinct set of characteristics defining personality module functionality.

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7. The system of claim 6, wherein the plurality of personality module types

includes a reader module and I/O module.

8. The system of claim 1, wherein upon installation the personality module

15 automatically receives an IP address.

9. The system of claim 1, wherein

the personality module includes an operating system.

20 10. The system of claim 1, wherein:

the personality module includes a software application designed to

communicate directly with a third-party system.

11. The system of claim 1, including:

a plurality of enclosures, wherein each enclosure is capable of housing a plurality of personality modules;

wherein personality modules can be dynamically removed from or

5   added to an enclosure while the system is in operation;

wherein enclosures can be dynamically removed from or added to the system while the system is in operation.

12. The system of claim 1, wherein:

10   the personality module operates autonomously from the server.

13. The system of claim 1, wherein:

the personality module stores all information required to autonomously perform facilities management functions.

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14. The system of claim 1, further including:

an enclosure, wherein the personality module is housed in the enclosure; and

a display module is housed in the enclosure.

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15. The system of claim 14, wherein: ·· ·

the display module includes an LCD touchscreen.

16. The system of claim 14, wherein:

the display module includes a user interface to be displayed on a display screen, the user interface designed to interact with the personality module.

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17. A system for facilities management, including:

a server;

a client in communication with the server;

a database in communication with the server and with the client;

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an enclosure in communication with the server, with the client, and with a field device, wherein the enclosure is capable of housing at least one modular personality module selected from a plurality of personality module types, each type having a distinct set of characteristics defining

15 personality module functionality.

18. The system of claim 17, wherein the plurality of personality module types includes reader modules and I/O modules.

20 19. The system of claim 17, wherein upon installation the personality module automatically receives an IP address.

20. The system of claim 17, including:

a plurality of enclosures, wherein each enclosure is capable of housing a plurality of personality modules;

wherein personality modules can be dynamically removed from or added to an enclosure while the system is in operation;

wherein enclosures can be dynamically removed from or added to the system while the system is in operation.

21. The system of claim 17, wherein:

the personality module operates autonomously from the server.

22. The system of claim 17, further including:

a display module housed in the enclosure, the display module including a user interface to be displayed on a display screen, the user interface for interacting with the at least one personality module housed in the enclosure.

23. An apparatus for use in a facilities management system that includes a server, the apparatus comprising:

an enclosure;

a plurality of personality modules housed in the enclosure;

wherein the personality modules are modular; and

wherein each personality module is selected from a plurality of personality modules types, each type having a distinct set of characteristics defining personality module functionality; and

wherein each personality module is independently addressable.

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24. The apparatus of claim 23, wherein:

each personality module is dynamically swappable with another type of personality module.

10   25. The apparatus of claim 23, wherein:

the personality modules operate autonomously from a server.

26. The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the enclosure further houses a display module, wherein a user interface is to be displayed with the display

15   module, the user interface for interacting with the personality modules housed in the enclosure.